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VIEWS ON MARCH 20 TAD MEETING

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SUMMARY: CANADIAN NADREP DISCUSSED RESULTS OF 20 MAR TAD
MEETING WITH BELGIAN, NETHERLANDS AND NORWEGIAN NADREPS.
ALL THREE NADREPS WERE GENERALLY PESSIMISTIC THAT THE IEPG
NADS WILL AGREE TO FORM THE TWO NEW GROUPS (GROUP TWO:
TRANSATLANTIC RATIONALIZATION OF RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT
AND PRODUCTION; AND GROUP THREE: INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION)
SUGGESTED AT THE 20 MAR TAD MEETING (REF A). END SUMMARY.

1. CANADIAN NADREP (MCNAUGHTON) DISCUSSED THE RESULTS OF
THE 20 MAR TAD MEETING WITH BELGIAN, NETHERLANDS, AND NOR-
WEGIAN NADREPS. THESE DISCUSSIONS SUPPLEMENTED US NADREP
DISCUSSIONS WITH UK, FRG, FRENCH, AND ITALIAN NADREPS

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REPORTED REF B.

2. BELGIAN NADREP (QUANIERS) EMPHASIZED EUROPEAN PROBLEMS
RELATED TO GETTING IEPG ACT TOGETHER AND BEING ABLE TO
SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE. HE BELIEVES THERE IS A POSSIBILITY
THAT IEPG NADS WILL ACCEPT THE BROADENED TOR OF GROUP ONE
ON OBSTACLES (REF B), BUT IS PESSIMISTIC THAT IEPG NADS

WILL AGREE TO FORM THE OTHER TWO GROUPS AT THIS TIME.

3. NETHERLANDS NADREP (SOETENS) AGREED THAT GROUPS TWO AND THREE SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BUT HE EXPECTS FRENCH TO BLOCK GROUPS THREE AND AS A MINIMUM SUGGEST MODIFICATION TO TOR FOR GROUP TWO. SOETENS BELIEVES GROUP THREE WILL BE A PROBLEM BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERENT EUROPEAN AND NORTH AMERICAN ENVIRONMENTS, I.E., GOVERNMENT IS INVOLVED AND DIRECTS MANY EUROPEAN INDUSTRIES WHEREAS US INDUSTRIES OPERATE COMPETITIVELY.

4. NORWEGIAN NADREP (MELLIN-OLSEN) PREDICTED THAT FRENCH WILL RESIST ANY APPROACH WHICH MAY IMPEDE IMPROVING EQUIPMENT SALES TO NORTH AMERICA. HE IS PESSIMISTIC THAT IEPG NADS WILL AGREE TO FORM EITHER GROUP TWO OR THREE; INSTEAD MELLIN-OLSEN EXPECTS IEPG TO PUT OFF ESTABLISHING THESE TWO GROUPS UNTIL LATER.

5. COMMENT: NADREP VIEWS POINT UP THE IMPORTANCE OF PURSUING THE QUESTION OF THE NEW GROUPS PRIOR TO THE 3-4 APR IEPG NADS MEETING. IN THIS REGARD, US TAD REP GARBER'S PLAN TO CONTACT UK, FRG, AND FRENCH NADS APPEARS TO TAKE ON MORE URGENCY THAN IT DID AT CONCLUSION OF MARCH 20 MEETING. END COMMENT. BENNETT

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